

Please replace the paragraph found in the specification at page 13, lines 25-26 with the following paragraph:

A2 ~~5' CCC CCA CCA CTT CCC CTC TC 3' (SEQ ID NO: 3), and labeled at the~~
5' end with FITC

Please replace the paragraph found in the specification at page 15, line 14 with the following paragraph:

A3 ~~5' CCC CCA CCA CTT CCC CTC TC 3' (SEQ ID NO: 4)~~

Please replace the paragraph found in the specification at page 16, line 8, with the following paragraph:

A4 ~~5' GUUUUCCCUGAU GAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAAAUUCUCC 3' (SEQ ID NO: 5),~~

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 12, without prejudice, as follows:

A5 1. (Amended) A method of reducing proliferation of cells comprising: (a) exposing said cells to a composition comprising at least one polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence with the transport function of herpesviral VP22 protein, said polypeptide being coupled to at least one functionally active amino acid sequence, wherein the functionally active amino acid sequence is a protein or peptide which can regulate cell cycle progression, or functional analogue thereof; or exposing said cells to a composition comprising nucleic acids encoding said protein or peptide and (b) exposing said cells to at least one agent to further stimulate cells death, said agent selected from: drugs which can induce cell cycle arrest, cytotoxic chemotherapeutic drugs used as part of a treatment programme of malignant disease, DNA damaging agents, agents which increase cellular sensitivity to DNA damage, and cytotoxic amounts of radiation.

2. (Reiterated) A method according to claim 1, wherein said cells are hyperproliferating cells.